THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Income Tax related enquiries against Mr. Win Chadha concerning BOFORS deal

238. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI :
SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answers to Unstarred Questions 2430 and 1604 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 1st December, 1988 and 9th March, 1989 respectively and state :

(a) what are the findings of the inquiries made under the provisions of the Income-Tax Act and other Acts against Mr. Win Chadha concerning Bofors deal; and

(b) what follow up action has been taken so far in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA) : (a) and (b) The Assessing Officer is continuing investigations under the provisions of the Income-tax Act.

Aspects of Black Money in India

239. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI :
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 35 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 23rd February, 1989 and state :

(a) whether the National Institute of Public Finance and Policy in its report titled 'Aspects of Black Economy in India' had recommended for discouraging tax-evasion, for a 'floor level' State funding of election expenses of candidates for Lok Sabha and state assemblies and that these recommendations were highlighted and conveyed to the Chief Election Commissioner, to the Secretary in the Ministry of Home Affairs and to the Secretary (Legislative) in the Ministry of Law for examination; and

(b) if so, what is the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As a part of the electoral reforms the Election Commission had also suggested State funding of election expenses for combating the evil of money power in elections. The proposal was considered and it was decided not to accept it.

Malpractices in sanctioning of loans by State Bank of Indore, Head Office

240. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether complaints of malpractices in the sanction of loans and manipulation in the amount of loans have been reported against the State Bank of Indore head Office during the last three years and till date;

(b) if so, the nature of complaints made and the action taken by Government against the Bank authorities in the specific cases of malpractices including mis-appropriation of funds ; and

(c) whether any relief has been provided to the innocent victims of these malpractices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B.K. GADHVI): (a) State bank of Indore has reported that it has not received any complaint of mal-practices against the officials of its Head Office in the matter of sanction of loans and/or manipulation in the amount of loans during the last three years and till date.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Vacancies of Judges in the Supreme Court and High Courts

241. SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY :
PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of vacancies of Judges in the Supreme Court and High Courts as on 30th June, 1989, separately;

(b) what is the number of cases pending in various courts as on 31st December, 1988;

(c) what is the number of cases of under-trials (prisoners) pending in various High Courts as on 31st December, 1988; and

(d) what steps are being taken to fill up these vacancies so as to clear the pending cases?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) There were 6 vacancies of Judges in the Supreme Court and 64 vacancies in the High Courts.

(b) 1,99,138 cases were pending in the Supreme Court. Information about pendency in the High Courts is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) The information is being collected from the High Courts and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(d) Appointment of Judges in the Supreme Court and the High Courts involves consultation with the concerned Constitutional authorities and is a continuous process. The Government make efforts to fill up the vacancies expeditiously.

Frauds committed in branches of State Bank of Indore in Madhya Pradesh

242. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA :
SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of cases of frauds/irregularities which came to light in the branches of Bhopal and Ujjain of State Bank of Indore in Madhya Pradesh during the last three years and upto the 30th June, 1989;

(b) what are the details of such cases, branch-wise;

(c) whether guilty officers were punished; and

(d) if so, what are the names of the officials with rank and present position of the cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI) : (a) to (d) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that its present data maintenance system does not generate city-wise details of frauds detected in a Bank. However, information regarding the total number of frauds detected at various branches of State Bank of Indore during the